

Reid State welding instructor gains on-site insight

Reid State Technical College welding instructor Andrew Sessions gained valuable insight into the current construction job market during a 21-day shutdown in April. Through his expertise and experience, Sessions was invited to serve as quality control inspector at Alabama River facilities in Perdue Hill. His duties were to test welders and visually inspect all welds made by Alabama River Capital Projects and General Electric on the recovery boiler. He also supervised the x-ray of welds with the NDT Company.

Sessions' work on the Alabama River job resulted in opportunities to upgrade the welding program at Reid State to meet industry demands. Immediate changes in welding procedures and testing were implemented upon Sessions' return to the classroom.

Recruitment efforts have also been enhanced by Sessions' industry visit. Area vocational center students stated that their decision to attend Reid State was based on Sessions' willingness to return to the construction site and implement necessary changes.

Sessions was able to build rapport with prospective employers and obtain information and experience concerning industry needs and expectations of employers. Industry partnerships and education are the tools Sessions has implemented to compete in the workplace. Under his direction, Reid State welding graduates will be able to demonstrate



Sessions

quality welding skills. He became nationally certified as a Certified Welding Inspector and Educator by the American Welding Society in February 1997. A Reid State graduate, Sessions has continued his education and worked in construction throughout the United States

Instructor appointed to state position

Cosmetology instructor Vivian Stewart of MacArthur State Technical College has been appointed by Gov. Fob James to serve as a member of the Alabama Cosmetology Board from May 19, 1997 through May 18, 2001. The seven-member board examines cosmetology graduates of public and private schools



Stewart

compliance with requirements.

Stewart has instructed in the evening program at MacArthur State Technical College for nine years. She has 32 years' experience as a cosmetologist and owned and operated the Golden Touch Salon for 29 years.

A graduate of MacArthur's Cosmetology Instructor Training Program, Stewart earned a B.S. degree in vocational education at Athens State College.

and issues licenses to those meeting state board requirements. The Board sets standards and rules for the cosmetology industry in Alabama and enforces

Grant takes Laubenthal to Harvard U.

Dr. Penne Laubenthal, an English professor at Athens State College, was selected to attend a summer institute on "Teaching the History of the Civil Rights Movement" at Harvard University through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. She previously has received NEH grants to attend other summer institutes on "Class and Caste in Southern Literature" at the University of North Carolina and "Humanities and Medicine" at Cornell University.

Business tech department earns accreditation

Lawson State Community College's Business Technologies Department has received full accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). This association, located in Overland Park, Kansas, is a specialized accrediting body that reviews the quality and the integrity of business degree programs. The ACBSP Associate Degree Commission, an international and professional accrediting agency, is devoted to promoting excellence in teaching/learning in business schools and programs in higher education.

Dr. Harold W. Lundy, executive director, ACBSP, announced at the association's annual conference on June 30 in New Port Beach, Calif., that 28 of the member institutions were awarded accreditation for their business school or program. This represents the seventh annual presentation to institutions being accredited since the founding of ACBSP nine years ago.



At center, Ward and Goldman proudly display certificate of accreditation

This accreditation action certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the accredited institution are ones of high quality which meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP, which now has 457 member institutions. Programs are reevaluated after seven years.

Attending the conference and receiving notice of accreditation were Dr. Perry W. Ward, president, Lawson State; Dr. Willie J. Kimmons, vice president for academic and student affairs; and Mrs. Uleda Goldman, chairperson, business technologies department.

Watts selected as item reviewer

Diane Kolacek Watts, nursing instructor at Northeast Alabama Community College, has been selected by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as an item reviewer in a National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) item development panel session. Watts reviewed the items that are used as part of the NCLEX, and she was one of five nurses from across the nation to be selected for this prestigious assignment. She was nominated by the Alabama Board of Nursing on the basis of her background and expertise.

President earns national award

President Thomas E. Umphrey of Shelton State Community College was named the 1997 recipient of the Eileen Tosney Award, a national award given each year by the American Association of University Administrators for recognition of outstanding leadership among college administrators, at the national meeting of the AAUA in Denver, Co.

He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama, an M.A. degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an Ed.D. from the University of Alabama.

Banks certified

Martha Banks, sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Northeast Alabama Community College, has been certified to provide instruction in the PTK Leadership Development Studies. Banks was one of 19 community college instructors and administrators attending the Leadership Development Studies Certification Seminar in Glen Rose, Texas.

"Leadership development is a rapidly growing discipline in higher education," she said. "I am excited about working with our students to develop their leadership potential." Northeast is the 10th Alabama college to participate in the international leadership program.

CACC counselor named Kellogg Fellow

Amanda Morgan, counselor and student activities coordinator for the Alexander City campus of Central Alabama Community College, is one of 20 Kellogg Fellows selected from across North America for the 1997-98 program, Expanding Leadership Diversity in Community Colleges.

The program is coordinated by the League for Innovation in the Community College in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin. The project is supported by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich.

Morgan, an employee of the college for the past eight years, has earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in counseling. She was recognized at the state level in 1994 when she was selected as recipient of the Staff Person of the Year award in the Chancellor's Award competition among staff members of all colleges in the Alabama College System.

She also serves as an advisor to the Cultural Unity Organization, a club which



Morgan

works to recognize and encourage leadership, service and character and bring unity among all students.

The purpose of the Kellogg project for which Morgan has been selected is to identify and prepare those currently in faculty leadership or administrative mid-management positions for advanced

positions in the nation's community colleges, with special attention to minorities and those serving urban institutions. Kellogg Leadership Fellows, selected from positions such as division chair, assistant/associate deans, program coordinators, and directors and recommended by their presidents, are chosen each year through a rigorous selection process.

During the year-long program, the Kellogg Fellows participate in two seminars hosted by the League for Innovation institutions in an intensive year of professional development activities. Each fellow works with one or more mentors to design personal development plans, develop special areas of expertise, initiate projects on critical issues and participate in an internship.

A national panel of leading community college educators reviews all applications and selects finalists for the highly sought fellowships. Finalists chosen for 1997-98 include six men and 14 women from 13 states and one Canadian province.

McAlpine named 9th president of Snead State

Johnny W. McAlpine, Ed.D., became the ninth president of Snead State Community College on Feb. 27. Prior to the appointment, McAlpine served as the dean of student services.

During his eight and a half years at Snead, McAlpine served as dean of student services and as director of counseling services. He initiated several successful campus programs to encourage students to be involved and to enable students to experience personal growth.

The oldest of 10 children, McAlpine grew up on a farm in Greene County, where his parents still reside. His mother

and father encouraged the importance and value of education to all of their children. At an early age, McAlpine displayed determination and self-discipline in his academic studies. As valedictorian of his high school graduating class, he set his goals high and never faltered from them. He graduated from Alabama A&M University in 1969.

McAlpine earned a master's degree in personnel counseling from Jacksonville State University and both a master's degree and a doctoral degree in educational administration from the University of Alabama.

Currently, McAlpine serves on the executive board of the Dean of Student Affairs Association and as a member of accreditation teams for the Southern Association of colleges and Schools. He is an active member of several boards in Marshall County. McAlpine is a soloist for numerous civic and community events and a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville.

His wife, Dr. Helen McAlpine, is currently assistant superintendent of the Huntsville City Schools. Their daughter Carla is a junior at Alabama A&M University.

Roberson earns new title at Bevill

Dr. Bobby Roberson has been appointed distance learning administrator for Bevill State Community College. He recently completed the Distance Learning Administrator's Certification program at Texas A & M University. The program is a joint venture between Texas A & M and GTE and has been offered to educators since 1992.

The certification program is an intensive learning experience designed for individuals who administer and supervise technology programs. The program's goal is to provide specialized training needed by those who have planning, budgeting, training, staffing, or managerial responsibilities for integrated technology in support of public education or corporate training.

Dr. Roberson is developing training programs for instructors who will teach via the Bevill State Distance Learning Network, a network which will include the three campuses of Bevill State as well as high school systems in the Bevill State service area.

Jefferson State helps improve education

Jefferson State Community College has been selected as one of 17 colleges from throughout the U.S. to participate in "Improving Science and Technology Education in Community Colleges," a joint project of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Science Foundation.

The project will provide the selected colleges with exemplary field-tested curricula and faculty development materials previously prepared with support from NSF. The project is being conducted in cooperation with the American Association of Community Colleges.

The three-member project team from Jefferson State will develop a physics course for technical programs such as electronic and mechanical technologies. According to Dr. Ali Yazdi, the team coordinator, the course will be skill-based and use on-the-job situations to teach principles of physics.

As part of the project, Dr. Yazdi, Dr. Cathryn McDonald, associate dean of instruction, and Dr. Janice Roberts from the science division attended the National Science Education Conference in Washington, D.C.

ASC breaks ground on new building

Athens State College has begun construction on a \$2.3 million classroom building. ASC President Jerry Bartlett, Rep. Tommy Carter, Sen. Tom Butler and State Board of Education member Dr. Mary Jane Caylor turned the first spade of dirt during the traditional groundbreaking ceremony. The 24,000 square foot facility will be a two-story structure with 12 classrooms and will accommodate 526 students at one time.

The largest classroom will seat 85 students. The building will also include a student study and snack area. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-1998.

The college's Interactive Learning Center will be housed in the building. The center, equipped with \$85,000 in video and audio technology, allows instruction to be obtained from or delivered to a remote destination.

AASFA initiates new program

A new financial assistance program has been initiated in the State of Alabama as a special project of the Alabama Association of Financial Aid Administrators (AASFA). The program, Alabama FOCUS (Finding Opportunities for Collegiate Undergraduate Studies), is only the second program of its kind nationwide. Working in conjunction with ACT, a national college testing company, the program offers financial aid and career and college planning information to parents of students in grades 7-11.

Suzanne Bush, director of student services at the Walker campus of Bevill

State Community College and member of AASFA, was appointed chairperson to the Public Relations Committee for the task force created specifically to implement this innovative and beneficial program. Gov. Fob James has declared May Alabama FOCUS Month. Application request forms were distributed in the May bank statements of Regions and SouthTrust banks and several newspapers have published articles announcing this new program. Plans now include ensuring that middle school and high school counselors are aware of Alabama FOCUS so they can get the information to their students.

Whigham named to Who's Who

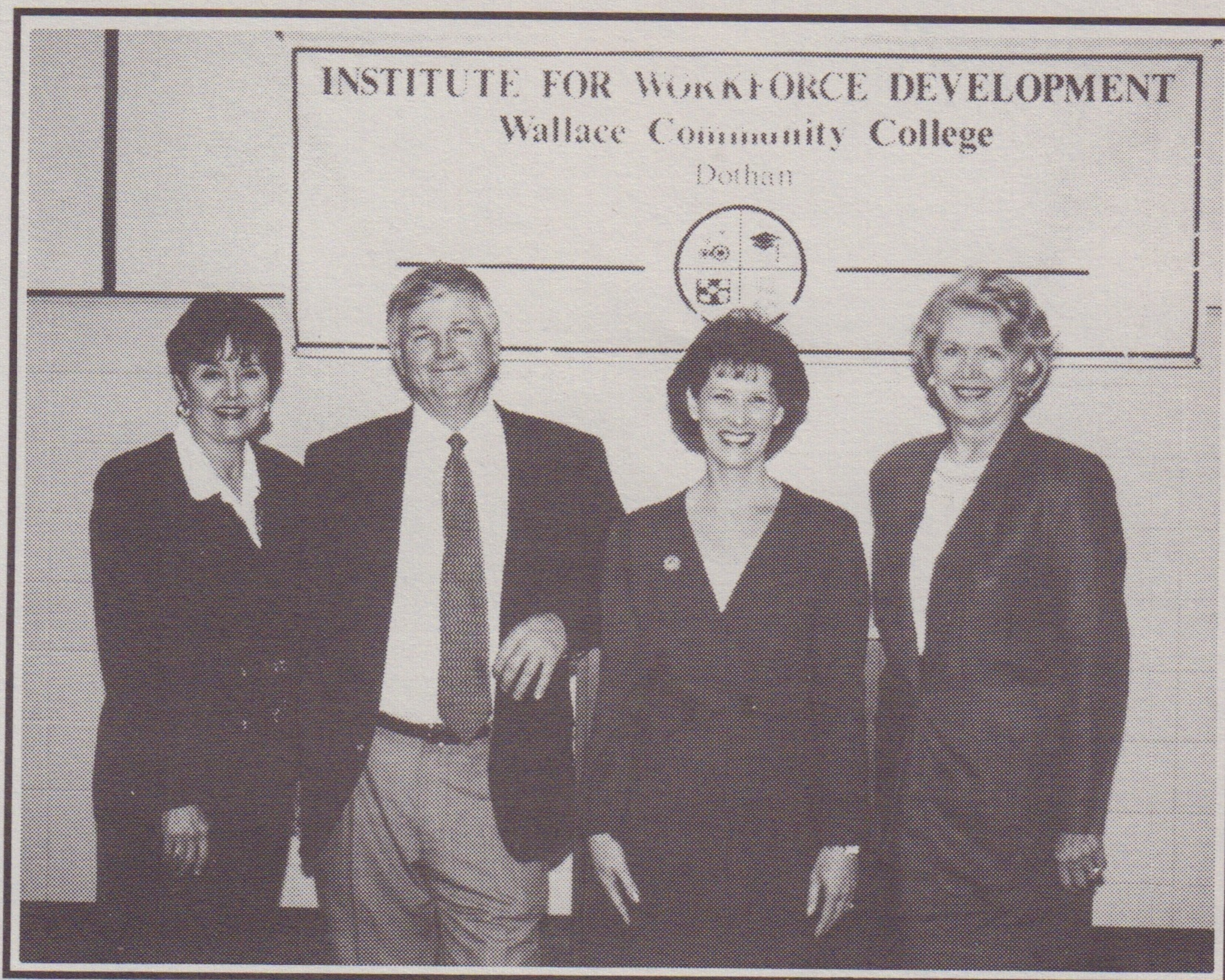
Mark Whigham, J.F. Drake State Technical College's management information systems director, was recently selected as a member of Who's Who in American Education for 1996-97. Whigham has been employed by Calhoun Community College, Computer Data Systems in Huntsville, and Dow Chemical Co. in Baton Rouge, La. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Alabama A&M University.

Beaty announces Wallace establishment of Institute for Workforce Development

At a recent press conference, Dr. Larry Beaty, president of Wallace Community College Dothan, announced a major initiative for the college--the establishment of The Institute for Workforce Development. The Institute will realign current services into a flexible and responsive training and education delivery system through which the college will expand services and partnerships to promote economic development in southeast Alabama and meet local needs in workforce training and education.

The Institute is composed of four existing departments of the college -- adult education, occupational training, continuing education and corporate services. These departments will work together to design, develop and deliver flexible workforce training; to expand community partnerships and communication between the college and its customers; to reduce the college's response time in meeting workforce needs; and to commit to quality.

The staff members of the Institute will be the directors of the four college departments involved -- Dr. Laurel Young, adult education; Dr. Martha Bell, continuing education; Mr. Bob Williams, occupational training; and Dr. Pat Byrne, corporate services. Directors spoke briefly about activities in their



From left, Byrne, Williams, Young and Bell at press conference

departments and presented a business or industrial leader for whom the department has provided service.

Dr. Beaty emphasized that the college's mission is to provide quality, accessible educational opportunities, promote economic growth, and enhance quality of life; the fastest growing area of the college is workforce-related services -- about 70% of students are in occupational training programs or non-credit training and retraining; and this Institute was developed in response to concerns

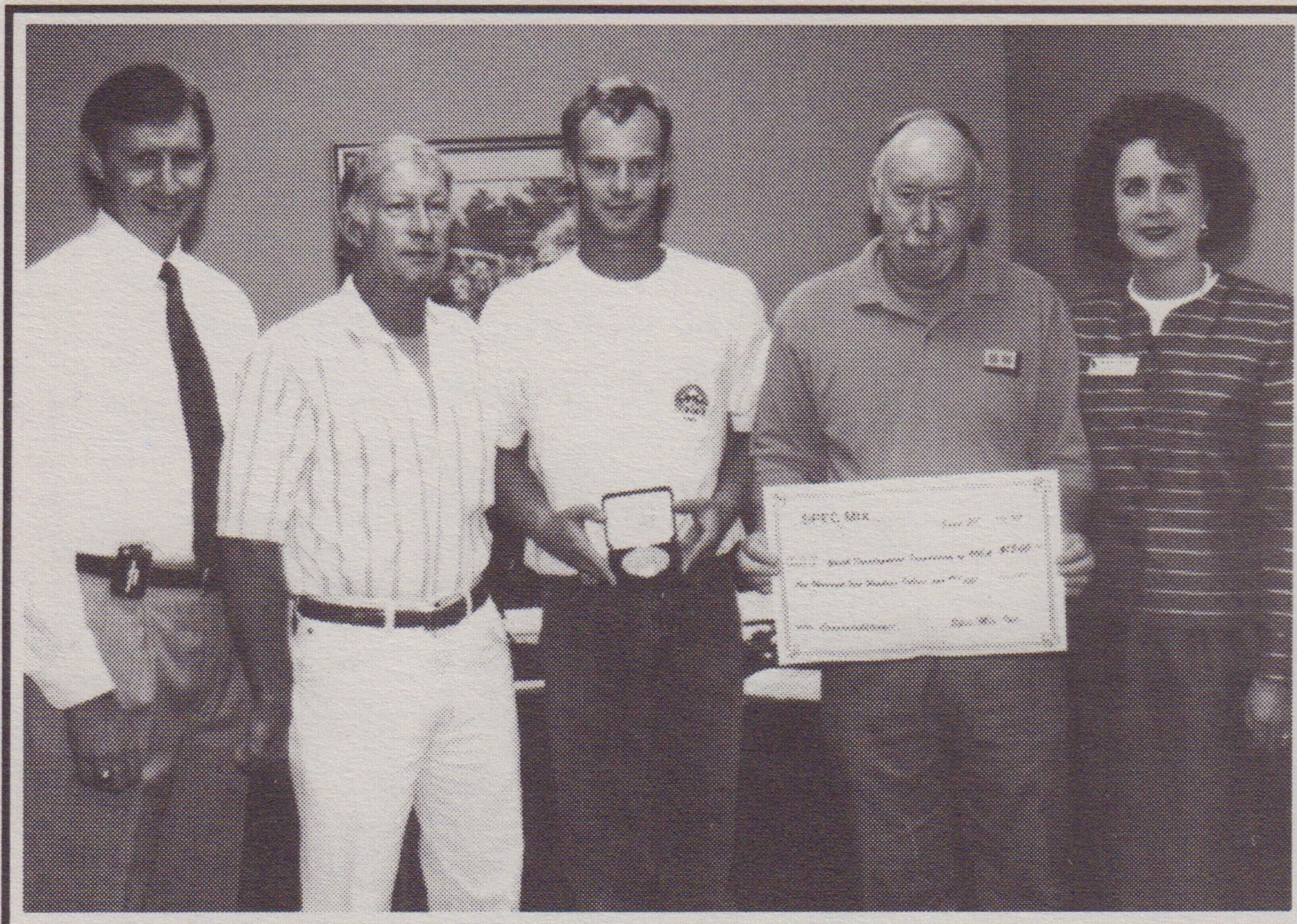
expressed in the community about the importance of a skilled workforce.

Dr. Beaty recognized Mary Lee Carter and the Wiregrass Leadership Institute for their vision and for organizing the Economic Development Roundtable which brought workforce development issues to the forefront; area legislators for their support of initiatives that promote economic growth; and civic, chamber, and business leaders for working with the college to enhance and expand workforce training in the region.

Northeast receives \$160,000 ARC grant for lab

Northeast Alabama Community College has been awarded a \$160,000 grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission for the development of a computer education laboratory to provide training in basic mathematics, science, and computer literacy skills. The Learning Logic Educational Program will be set up by the University of South Alabama Small Business Development Center to be implemented by

the mathematics department at Northeast. The Small Business Center will cooperate with Northeast to equip a computer laboratory, purchase Learning Logic software, and train faculty to use the program as a key part of the college's mathematics curriculum. Project leaders will also market the program to industries that seek to improve opportunities for worker training.



From left, Dr. Michael Babb, SSTC dean of instruction; David Bynum; Jeff Bynum; Instructor C.W. Bynum; and Dr. Linda C. Young, SSTC president, proudly display Jeff Bynum's first-place medal and the \$1,500 scholarship check.

Bynum takes national VICA title

Several years ago, C.W. Bynum, masonry instructor at Sparks State Technical College, set a goal to have a first-place winner at national VICA competition from his program. On June 27, he achieved that goal.

Bynum had first-place winners at state VICA contests for the past four years and in 1990 and 1991. Each year, these first-place state winners had the chance to compete at the annual VICA National Leadership and Skills Conference. In 1994, Cleavdon Thomas of Hurtsboro was named sixth in the national contest; in 1995, John Free of Phenix City won eighth place; and last

year, Jeff Bynum, C.W. Bynum's nephew, came in eighth nationally as well.

Years of hard work paid off for both Jeff and C.W. Bynum during VICA's awards ceremony this year. In addition to the first-place medal, Jeff was awarded two sets of Masonry tools (Bond and Marshalltown brands), a Smith level, and a golden trowel. He and his family also received a trip to the Masonry Expo in Charlotte, N.C. Sparks Tech received a \$1,500 scholarship in Jeff's name and an eight-cubic-foot mortar mixer for the Masonry Department.

AATC team is tops in Relay for Life

Alabama Aviation and Technical College's (AATC) Relay for Life team was the top fundraiser in Dale County's 3rd annual Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society on June 6-7. A total of 38 teams participated in the fundraising event, which promotes awareness of both cancer victims and cancer survivors through an overnight relay. AATC staff member Jane Edgar was recognized as the individual raising the most money for the event.

Development magazines note positive impact of AIDT

Two magazines published for economic developers and industry seeking new sites recently reported good things about Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT). The cover story of the June issue of *Area Development* magazine is titled "Redefining Worker Training." The following is excerpted from that article:

... Under the same federal legislation, each state developed its own training infrastructure, although some states already had well-established training mechanisms. For example, Alabama's Industrial Development Training Program traces its history to 1971 -- long before enactment of the JTPA. Since then, the state program was cited by Mercedes-Benz as a key factor in that company's well-publicized decision to establish its first U.S. auto plant in Alabama.

Alabama's program illustrates the importance of moving beyond the hands-on technical skill training typical of many state programs ...

The June/July issue of *Site Selection* magazine contains an article titled "Need Skilled Workers? Tap the Global Training Gold Mine." The article contained this quote from Phil Schneider, senior manager of Deloitte & Touche in Chicago:

Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina have very good programs. We've had good experience with them. All the companies I've talked to that have used the Alabama program sing its praises, especially those that have experience in states that don't do training very well.



Dobson

Secretary earns top recognition

Jennie Poovey Dobson, secretary to the president of Gadsden State Community College, has been selected 1997 Secretary of the Year by the Alabama Division of Professional Secretaries International.

The Secretary of the Year announcement was made at PSI's 45th annual state convention in Montgomery. In her interview for the honor, Dobson said, "While machines may make office procedures easier, they cannot make decisions or otherwise replace the human presence. People still like to deal with people."

Dobson has worked as a secretary in Gadsden for 15 years, has served the local PSI chapter as recording secretary, and is former president of the Gadsden State Community College Secretarial Association. She is a Certified Professional Secretary and was earlier named Secretary of the Year by the Gadsden PSI chapter.

A graduate of Emma Sansom High School, Dobson received her associate degree from GSCC in 1977 and her bachelor's degree in Business Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1979.

Instructor takes top honor

During an honors assembly at Alabama Aviation and Technical College (AATC), Jim Burchett, chief flight instructor, received the 1996 Alabama Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) of the Year award. The award was presented by Edward Blount of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

"Mr. Burchett has been a friend of aviation and the Alabama FSDO for many years," said Fred Dotson of the FSDO during the ceremony. "He is held in high regard by his peers, his students and the FAA."

"Mr. Burchett typifies all that is good in aviation. His tireless effort and support of extracurricular aviation activities such as safety seminars, Poker Runs, and CFI workshops have enhanced aviation safety in and around our great state."

"Speaking totally from the heart," he continued, "the Alabama FSDO is proud to be associated with such a fine man. His integrity is above reproach. His friendly approach to people and his knowledge have helped many a person to become successful in this field that is so dear to us all."



Open for business

Growth leads to new facility

Dozens of community leaders, elected officials, business and industry representatives and Calhoun faculty and staff were on hand during the July 24 ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the new Machine Tool Technology shop at Calhoun Community College.

The ribbon was officially cut by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, Alabama State Board of Education. Assisting her were second-generation machine tool student Todd Smith and Dr. Caylor's granddaughter Abigail. Others on hand

were Fred Robertshaw of SCI, Terrance McCall of Chip-Tec Industries, Tom Hill of AmSouth, Stan Belsky of Automatic Screw, administrators, faculty, staff and students.

The 33,000 square foot building, which once housed the college's auto body program, adds 33 percent more work and classroom space for students enrolled in the machine tool program. Calhoun's machine tool program, the largest and second oldest in the state, has tripled in enrollment since 1993.

Drake enters international partnership

J.F. Drake State Technical College has partnered with the government of Bermuda and Edu-Tech, Ltd. to provide Bermudian students with a managed technical/vocational training and career development program.

Edwin Wilson, director of labor and training for the government of Bermuda, and Denning Richardson and Michael Stowe of Edu-Tech, Ltd., recently visited Drake to introduce the partnership to Drake employees and to tour the campus.

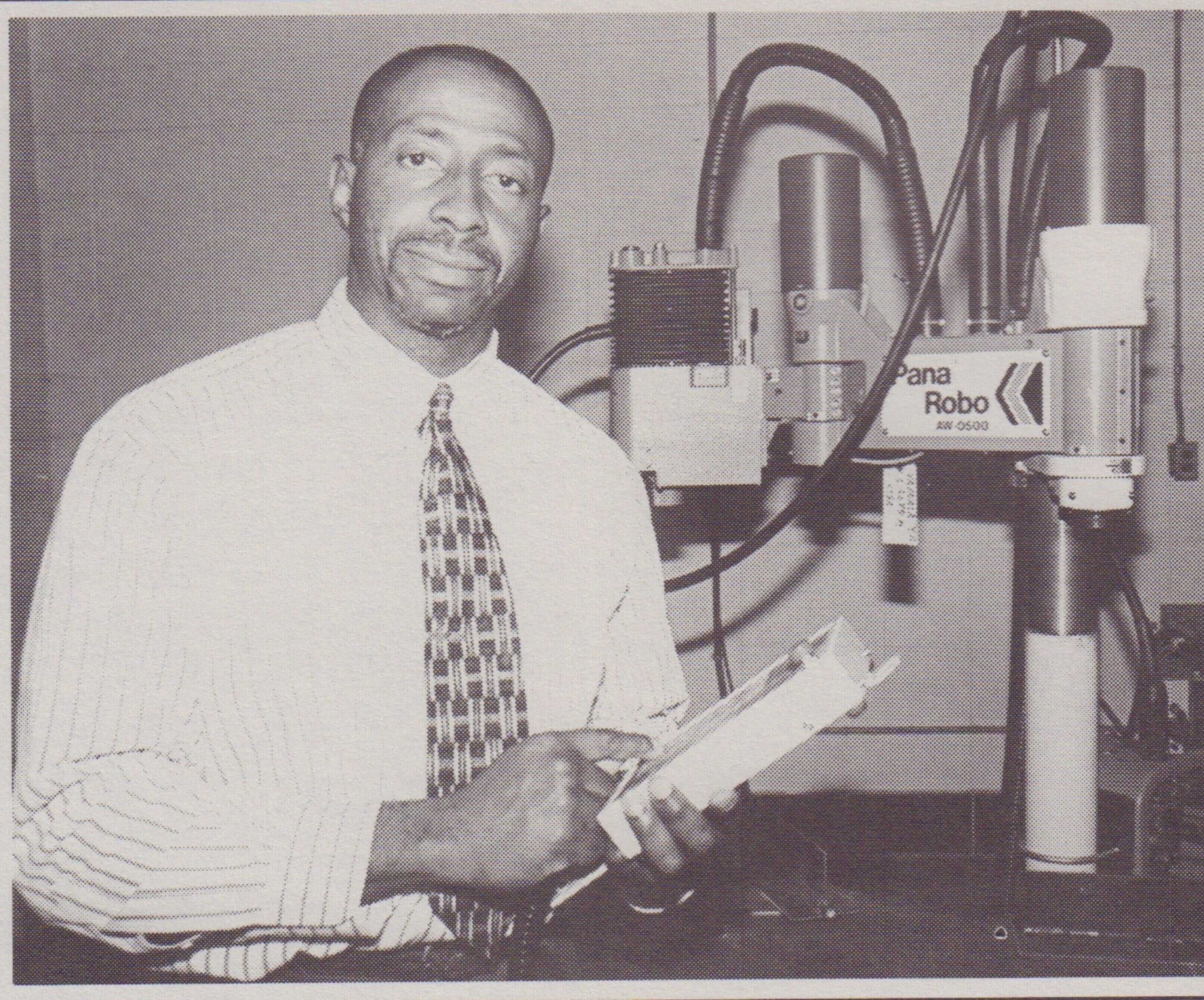
"I was very impressed with the programs, equipment, and industry standards at Drake," Wilson said. "I am also pleased that Drake's President (Dr. Johnny L.) Harris is in full support of this program."

Edu-Tech, Ltd. acts as a liaison between Drake and the government of Bermuda by providing students with residential resources, technical advice, career counseling, and personal development training to support the students' educational studies.

Art exhibit set

The Chancellor's Art Exhibition '97 will be held during the annual Alabama College Association (ACA) Conference this fall in Birmingham. All colleges in the system have been invited to participate.

The entries will be reviewed by a panel of distinguished art professionals. Winners will be notified in October and formally recognized during The Chancellor's Awards, which will be held during the ACA Conference.



Jackie Woods, MacArthur State Technical College Woods named outstanding educator

Jackie Woods, welding instructor at MacArthur State Technical College in Opp, has been named Outstanding Welding Educator for District 9 of the American Welding Society. District 9 includes Mobile, central Alabama, Birmingham, central Mississippi, Pascagoula, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Morgan City. He was presented the award at the district conference May 9, 1997, in Mobile.

According to Jerry Betts of the Mobile Section Executive Committee, Mr. Woods is the first nominee from the

Mobile Section to receive this award.

As outstanding welding educator for the district, he has been nominated for national recognition for the Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Membership Award. His nomination will be considered with American Welding Society district nominees from around the world.

Since earning his welding diploma at MacArthur, he has also earned A.S., B.S. and masters degrees and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Auburn University.

Coleman earns national award

Dr. Curtis Coleman has been named a 1997 Excellence Award recipient from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

Coleman is dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and a professor of religion at Athens State College. The NISOD award is a national honor given to educators for their outstanding contributions to teaching and learning.

"This is a tremendous honor for Dr. Coleman and Athens State," said ASC President Jerry Bartlett. "Dr. Coleman has contributed greatly to the growth and success of our institution through his teaching and leadership."



Wallace State names outstanding faculty

At the first annual Faculty Appreciation and Awards Day at Wallace State-Hanceville, three members of the faculty, one from each division, were recognized as outstanding. The honorees were nominated by their peers. The awards were presented by Wallace State President Dr. James C. Bailey. From left are Larry Holmes, Outstanding Faculty Member, Technical Division; Dr. Bailey; Marion Slatsky, Outstanding Faculty Member, Allied Health and Nursing Division; and Renee Quick, Outstanding Faculty Member, Academic Division. Mrs. Slatsky was also the recipient of the Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology Award presented at the 8th annual National Conference on College Teaching and Learning held in Jacksonville, Fla.

Rural initiative implemented

Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) leaders recently met with members of the local community to implement the Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI) program. RCCI is a national demonstration by the Ford Foundation developed to expand economic and educational opportunity in distressed rural areas.

WCCS is one of 16 colleges from across the nation that was funded \$20,000 by Ford to participate in this initiative which helps community colleges in distressed regions move their people and communities toward prosperity. WCCS was selected from among 150 colleges.

"We are especially pleased to receive this grant which is a stepping stone to additional resources," said Brown. "It's another means of enhancing the college and the important work that we do."

Grants enhance diversity of services at Sparks Tech

In recent months, Sparks State Technical College has made a college-wide effort to seek external funding to increase the variety of services it offers students and community. Through the hard work and cooperation of staff members from almost every department, Sparks has received \$37,000 for special programs this summer alone.

Last summer Sparks Tech received the first of three \$10,000 annual grants through Cooper Industries' Project PACE (Partnership to Aid Career Education). These funds were used to expose students and teachers from Eufaula High School to the fields of industrial and computer electronics and electrical technology. This project ended with a one-week "Electronics Camp," during which 23 high school students participated in hands-on electronics/electrical training; workshops on self-esteem, job search, and team-building skills; and enjoyed a trip to the Coca-Cola Space Science Center in Columbus, Ga. Based on project performance and the efforts of Business/Industry Coordinator Kathy Camp, Sparks received an additional \$10,000 for PACE's second

year when the college's first-year report was judged second in the nation by Cooper Industries. Sparks was the only first-year grantee to be selected for additional funding. The total grant for Project PACE in 1997-98 will be \$20,000.

Sparks also sponsored a Drafting Camp for high school students this summer. Funding came through the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA); a second camp is planned for February.

Another grant came to Sparks through the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation. Sparks' on-campus Child Development Center received \$1,500 to purchase additional supplies and other materials designed to enhance self-esteem, academic and social skills, and appreciation of cultural diversity among the center's children.

Sparks also served as the coordinating agency for this summer's School-to-Work Teacher Internship program, funded through the Governor's School-to-Work Partnership. This project placed 10 local teachers in industries ranging from Alabama Power Company to West Point Stevens.

Marketing/PR efforts applauded

Alabama College System Public Relations Association recognized the best marketing and public relations efforts of public relations professionals in the state's two-year colleges at the 1996-97 Pyramid Awards dinner, held in Gulf Shores on July 31 during the association's annual summer conference.

Unable to attend the banquet, Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor, sent a letter of congratulations to ACSPPRA members. President Laura Salmon presented the Best of Show award for an electronic production to Margaret Strickland, Faulkner State Community College, for the College Promotional Video. The Best of Show in Print went to Charles H. Murray, Bessemer State Technical College, for College Two-Color Brochure.

The first-place Pyramid awards were presented to Alesia Stuart, Reid State Technical College, Best Catalog; Alabama Southern Community College, Best Schedule, Potpourri; Alabama Industrial Development Training, Best Newsletter, Single Sheet Flyer/Direct Mail Piece and Special Event; Margaret Strickland, Faulkner State Community College, Best Newswriting, Print Advertising Series and College Promotional Video; Glenda Fogleman and Laura Salmon, Gadsden State Community College, Best News Placement; Perri McMillan, Jefferson Davis Community College, Best Single Print Ad; Geri H. Albright, Lawson State Community College, Best Radio Advertisement/Public Service Announcement and Video Advertisement/PSA; Northeast Alabama Community College Yearbook Staff, Best Student Publication; Jim Silverberg and Steve Gasque, Northwest Shoals Community College, Best Electronic Publication; and Charles H. Murray, Bessemer State Technical College, Best Annual Report, Full-Color Brochure and Poster.

Second place Awards of Achievement were presented to Debra Jordan, Northeast Alabama Community College, Catalog; Perri McMillan, Jefferson Davis Community Col-

lege, Schedule; Janet Kincherlow-Martin and Beth Butler, Calhoun Community College, Newsletter; Janet Kincherlow-Martin, Calhoun Community College, Print Advertising/Single Ad; Richard L. Mould, Athens State College, Newswriting; Steve Spratlin, Southern Union State Community College, News Placement; Alabama Industrial Development Training, Two-Color Brochure; Gadsden State Community College, Viewbook; Herb Jordan, Bishop State Community College, Print Advertising Series; Brian Kennedy, Beville State Community College, Promotional Video; Montez Vickers, Enterprise State Junior College, Radio Advertisement/PSA and Single Sheet Flyer/Direct Mail Piece; Margaret Strickland, Faulkner State Community College, Video Advertisement/PSA and Student Publication; Alesia Stuart, Reid State Technical College, Poster and Electronic Publication; Johnny Brewer, Snead State Community College, Special Events Publication; and Geri H. Albright, Lawson State Community College, Potpourri.

Awards of Merit (third place) were to Perri McMillan, Jefferson Davis Community College, Catalog; Southern Union State Community College, Schedule and Viewbook; Alabama Industrial Development Training, Annual Report, Promotional Video and Poster; Alesia Stuart, Reid State Technical College, Newsletter and Potpourri; Margaret Strickland, Faulkner State Community College, Newswriting, News Placement, Video Ad/PSA; Keron S. Forte, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, Print Advertising/Single Ad; Lynn Henderson, Wallace Community College-Selma, Radio Ad/PSA; Geri H. Albright, Lawson State Community College, Single Sheet Flyer/Direct Mail Piece; Dr. Sherryl A. Byrd, John M. Patterson State Technical College, Outdoor Advertising; Katherine Brewer, Snead State Community College, Special Events Publications; and Creative Writing Club, Enterprise State Junior College, Student Publication.

GSCC nursing students make the grade with high pass rate

Nursing students at Gadsden State Community College have proven they are ready to enter their chosen profession. GSCC nursing students who took the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses had a 99

percent pass rate, according to Linda Davis, academic director of nursing and allied health at GSCC.

The college had the highest pass rate for all associate degree nursing programs and all but one bachelor's degree

program in Alabama, making GSCC the leader among all nursing schools at two- and four-year colleges and universities except for Samford University. Davis noted that Samford had only three students take the exam; all passed.

Faulkner State president inducted into Hall of Fame

Faulkner State President Gary Branch was inducted into the Alabama Junior and Community College Conference Athletic Hall of Fame on May 20 at a ceremony held at Southern Union Community College. Branch now joins the ranks of Peter Myers, formerly of the Chicago Bulls; David Stapleton, formerly of the Boston Red Socks; Turner Ward, formerly of the Toronto Blue Jays; and Stan James, former Faulkner State athletic director and coach of champions in four different sports.

Induction into the Hall of Fame is given to individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions to two-year college athletics. Branch's contributions include establishment of the women's softball program for the state and working closely with all aspects of athletic organizations statewide and nationally to ensure quality programs in this state.

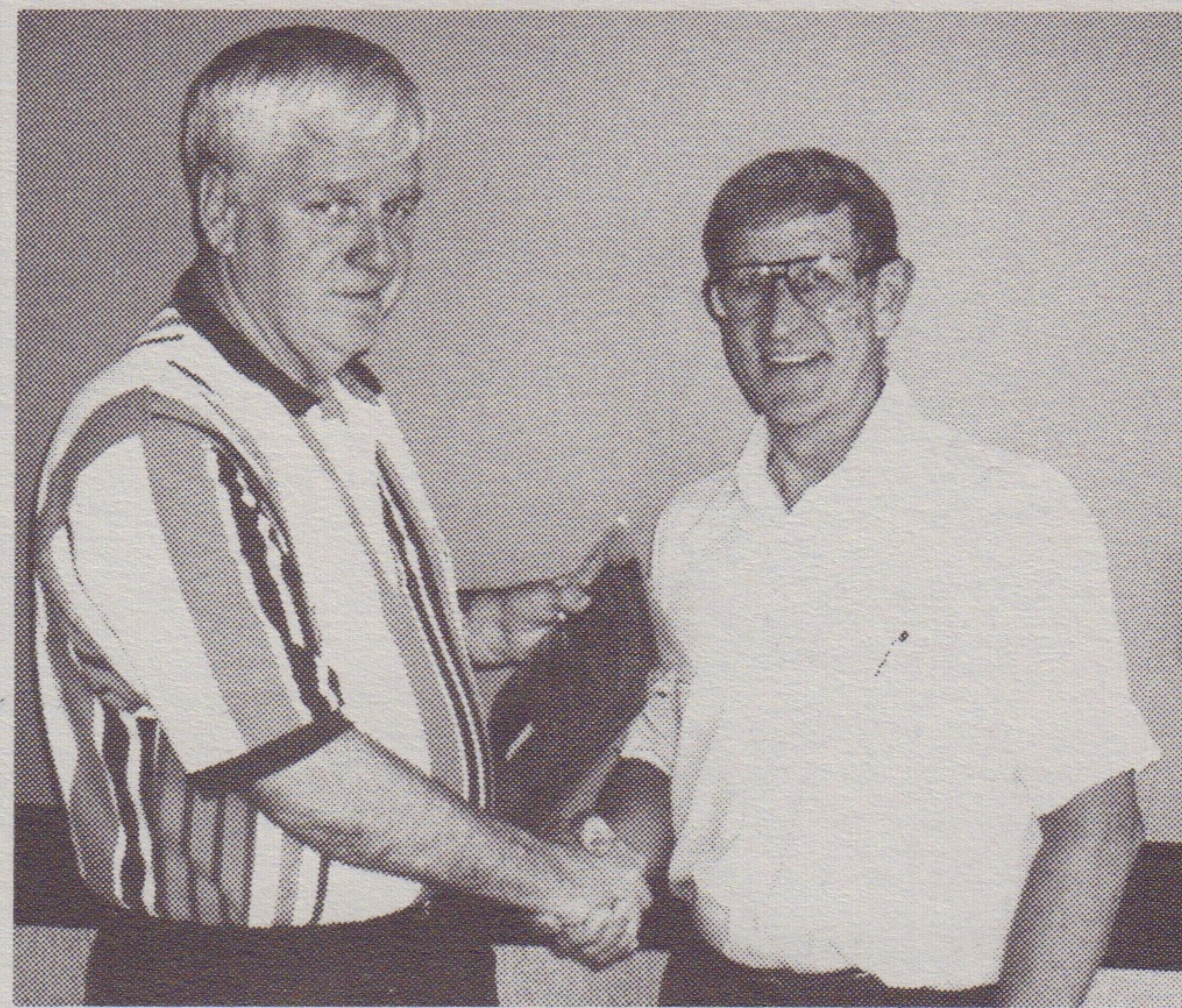
His service to the AJCCC spans almost a decade; he began as secretary-treasurer in 1989 and has served as president since 1990. His philosophy is that athletes function as ambassadors of the college. Support for athletics is encouraged campus-wide and statewide.

Tom Bevill Center opens

The Tom Bevill Center for Environmental Technology (CET) has opened on the Northwest-Shoals Community College campus as the home of a partnership between the college, the Alabama Technology Network and TVA.

The facility is one of the centers of excellence established as part of the Alabama Technology Network (ATN), a non-profit organization coordinating efforts to improve economic development opportunities through technical assistance, workforce training and technology transfer. Each center has a designated area of technical expertise to help Alabama manufacturers improve their global competitiveness. ATN is composed of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA), the University of Alabama System, and Auburn University.

Integrated with the CET are the science and health studies programs offered through Northwest-Shoals. In addition to modern science and computer labs, the complex features lecture and conference rooms equipped with the intercampus interactive telecommunications system (IITS), a network permitting video conferencing with 24 educational and research sites in the state.



Morris named instructional officer of year

Joe Morris, dean of instruction for Jefferson State Community College, was selected by his peers as Instructional Officer of the Year for outstanding contributions in his field. Morris, left, was presented the award by Dr. Bert Slafter, assistant to the vice chancellor for new programs at the instructional officers' summer meeting in Orange Beach. The award will be presented annually.

Warren appointed to panel

Ms. Pebblin W. Warren, assistant to the vice chancellor for student services of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, was recently appointed to serve on The College Board Community College Advisory Panel. The purpose of the advisory panel is to advise The College Board on important community college issues. The panel is made up of college CEO's, chief academic and student affairs officers, state higher education representatives, and other professional educators. The advisory panel will collaborate with the American Association of Community Colleges to plan a conference this fall on universal college access for the first two years of college.

ADN program accredited

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission has granted initial accreditation to the associate degree program in nursing of Coosa Valley School of Nursing at Central Alabama Community College. This initial accreditation is for a five-year term after which the program will be reevaluated.

CVSN merged with CACC in 1994, having previously offered an R.N. diploma program.

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1997 Convention Format

Sunday, November 23, 1997

1:00-4:00	Registration & Chancellor's Art Exhibit
1:00-2:45	Related Professional Meetings
3:00-5:00	Chancellor's Awards
6:00	Dinner on your own
6:30	Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 24, 1997

8:00-5:00	Registration
8:00	Newcomers' Meeting (First Time Attendees)
8:00-8:30	Cokes/Coffee & View Exhibits
8:30-10:00	First General Session Mr. Stephen Gower, Keynote Speaker
10:00-10:15	Break & View Exhibits (Vendor Area)
10:15-12:00	Industry & State Board of Education Forum '97
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	View Exhibits
1:30-2:30	Commission Meetings
2:45-5:00	Session I & Session II
5:30-7:30	Reception
8:00-12:30	Dance

Tuesday, November 25, 1997

9:00-10:45	Second General Session Dr. Fred Gainous, State of the College System Address Dr. Jacquelyn Belcher, Keynote Speaker
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Third General Session Business Session
12:00 noon	Adjourn